

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 November 64 01/2300Z	2. LOCATION Kirkwood, Missouri
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Object resembles a balloon observation with the balloon bursting and giving the appearance of flight to West.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Object resembling a parachute top only made of metal. Gray color. No trail. Vapor trail appeared about 5 minute later in different part of sky. Ridges on top of dome running to bottom. 275 deg azimuth 25 deg elevation estimated altitude 300 ft. Flight to over horizon 275 deg azimuth. Object stationary until disappearance at which time object went over the horizon instantaneously. Report delayed 25 days. Winds to NE.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-7, SAF-OS-3, DIA-15, SMB-1

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ADDED DIST: SAF-OS-1 (27 Nov 64)njs

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XMIT TO: FTD, ACTION, ROUTINE (Per Mr [REDACTED],  
NIN, 26 Nov 64)

TO RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

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FOR:OSAF (SAFOI); CSAF (AFNIN); AFSC (FTD). SUBJ:

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT (UFO). THIS MESSAGE

IN TWO PARTS. PART I. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS

SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) SHAPE - DESCRIBED AS

RESEMBLING A PARACHUTE ON TOP, WITH WHAT WOULD

NORMALLY BE THE PARACHUTE CORDS DESCRIBED AS BEING MADE

OF METAL; (2) SIZE - COMPARED TO THE SIZE OF A

BACKETBALLHELD AT ARM'S LENGTH; (3) COLOR - GRAYISH

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WITH SLIGHT ILLUMINATION; (4) NUMBER - ONE;

(5) FORMATION - NOT APPLICABLE; (6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES/

DETAILS - RIDGES ON TOP OF DOME RUNNING TO BOTTOM POINT

OF OBJECT, CLOSER SPACED THAN RIBS IN PARACHUTE;

(7) TAIL, TRAIL OF EXHAUST - NONE OBSERVED DURING

ACTUAL SIGHTING; HOWEVER, A VAPOR TRAIL APPEARED

OVERHEAD APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER SIGHTING;

(8) SOUNDS - NONE HEARD; (9) OTHER PERTINENT

FEATURES - NONE OBSERVED. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF

OBJECT: (1) CASE OF INITIAL OBSERVANCE - OBSERVER

NOTICED WHAT INITIALLY APPEARED TO BE A PUFF OF SMOKE,

CAUSING HIM TO LOOK UPWARD AT OBJECT; (2) ANGLE,

ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH/INITIAL OBSERVATION - OBJECT

APPEARED TO BE AT APPROXIMATELY 25 DEGREE ANGLE FROM

HORIZON AT AN ELEVATION OF 300 FEET AZIMUTH

APPROXIMATELY 275 DEGREES; (3) ANGLE, ELEVATION AND

AZIMUTH/FINAL OBSERVATION - ANGLE OF OBSERVATION

DECREASING TO ZERO DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, AZIMUTH

REMAINING CONSTANT; (4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH -

OBJECT REMAINED STATIONARY UNTIL IT MOVED TOWARD WEST



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IN A STRAIGHT LINE; (5) MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE -  
OBJECT MOVED RAPIDLY TOWARD WEST, DISAPPEARED ALMOST  
INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THWEST; (6) LENGTH OF TIME OBJECT  
WAS VISIBLE - THREE MINUTES; C. MANNER OF  
OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND-VISUAL; (2) OPTICAL AIDS -  
NONE USED; (3) NOT APPLICABLE. D. TIME AND DATE OF  
SIGHTING: (1) ZULU TIME-DATE GROUP - 01/2300Z  
NOVEMBER; (2) LIGHT CONDITIONS - DUSK. E. LOCATION  
OF OBSERVER: APPROXIMATELY THIRTY EIGHT DEGREES  
THIRTY ONE MINUETS NORTH, INIETY DEGREES TWENTY SIX  
MINUTES WEST. RELATIONSHIP TO KNOWN LANDMARKS -  
ON BARRETT STATION ROAD APPROXIMATELY NINE TENTHS OF  
A MILE SOUTH OF MANCHESTER ROAD, WHICH RUNS DUE WEST  
FROM KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION  
ON OBSERVER: (1) MR. [REDACTED], THIRTY FIVE YEARS  
OLD, BOX [REDACTED] MANCHESTER, MISSOURI,  
NO TELEPHONE, WORKS AS A [REDACTED],  
LARIMORE ROAD, KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI; (2) ESTIMATED  
RELIABILITY - RELIABILITY CANNOT BE ESTIMATED; HOWEVER,  
OBSERVER APPEARED TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH UNUSUAL



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ACTIVITIES RELATED TO "EXTRA-TERRESTIAL" OCCURRENCES.

OBSERVER INFORMED INVESTIGATOR THAT IN HIS OPINION,  
THE "SPACE CRAFT" WAS CONSTRUCTED OF "MAGNESIUM" AND  
WAS POWERED BY EITHER A "MAGNETIC" OR "ANTI-GRAVITY"  
FORCE OF SOME TYPE. OBSERVER'S EMPLOYER STATED THAT  
OBSERVER WAS RELIABLE. G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS - OBSERVER  
STATED THAT AT THE TIME OF INITIAL SIGHTING, THE SKY  
WAS CLOUDLESS. HOWEVER, HE FURTHER STATED THAT  
CONCURRENT WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE OBJECT, A  
HEAVY CLOUD COVER ROLLED OVER THE AREA; (2) AWS/U.S.  
WEATHER BUREAU REPORT OF WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY -  
SURFACE, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DEGREES AT FIVE KNOTS;  
6,000 FEET, 240 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS; 10,000 FEET, 260  
DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS; 16,000 FEET, 250 DEGREES AT 25  
KNOTS; 20,000 FEET, 250 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS; AND,  
30,000 FEET, 240 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS; (3) CEILING -  
HIGH SCATTERED, NO CEILING; (4) VISIBILITY - 10 MILES;  
(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER - 40 PERCENT (6) NO THUNDERSTORMS  
IN LOCAL AREA; (7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT -



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TAKEN AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, NEAREST POINT TO SIGHTING -  
25 DEGREES AT SURFACE, 8 DEGREES AT 6,000 FEET.

H. NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITIES  
WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. I. NO

INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTIONS TAKEN.

J. THE U. S. WEATHER BUREAU RELEASED A BALLOON AT  
APPROXIMATELY 01/2300Z NOVEMBER FROM LAMBERT ST. LOUIS  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. PREVAILING WINDS AT THAT TIME,  
HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE CARRIED THE BALLOON TOWARD THE  
NORTHEAST, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE FROM THE PATH REQUIRED  
TO HAVE CARRIED THE BALLOON OVER THE OBSERVER'S  
LOCATION. K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF

PREPARING OFFICER: (1) GLENN R. WOODS, CIVILIAN  
ANALYST, GS-11, DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE,  
DCS/PLANS. HEADQUARTERS MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT  
SERVICE; (2) COMMENTS - AS MAY BE NOTED, THERE IS  
QUITE A TIME LAG BETWEEN THE DATE OF SIGHTING AND  
DATE OF THIS REPORT, CAUSED BY FAILURE OF THE  
OBSERVER TO REPORT HIS SIGHTING. PRELIMINARY  
INVESTIGATION REVEALED NO CLUES CONCERNING THE.

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IDENTITY OR EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING. L. NO

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE SUCH AS MATERIALS OR PHOTOGRAPHS  
EXIST.

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